# Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan

## "Shaping our future together"

**The results of consultations undertaken by the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan over the last 12 months have led us to this final questionnaire.**

Your responses, along with those of other residents of Sidmouth, Sidford, Sidbury and Salcombe Regis, will help the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group write policies and guidance which will become the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan – a legal planning document that will help to shape and influence development in the Sid Valley over the next 15 years.

We are asking for <u>one response per household</u>. If you live with other people we hope that the survey will start a discussion in your home, and the questions should then be answered reflecting the collective views of everyone in your household. Please complete and return the survey to one of the collection points listed below, before the consultation closes on 30th June 2017. Alternatively, you may prefer to complete the survey for your household online at sidvalleyneighbourhoodplan.com/survey.

### Thank you for your support and time

Deirdre Hounsom, Chair and Louise Cole, Vice Chair of the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

## Questionnaire Drop - Off Points

**Salcombe Regis**

St Mary & St Peter's Church Salcombe Regis, EX10 0JH

**Sidbury:**

Drews of Sidbury 27 Fore St, Sidbury, EX10 0SD

**Sidford:**

Spar Shop Church St, EX10 9RL

**Sidmouth:**

1. Swimming Pool LED, Ham Lane, Sidmouth, EX10 8XR
2. Sidmouth Leisure Centre, Primley Rd, Sidmouth EX10 9LH
3. Co-operative Store 78 High St, Sidmouth, EX10 8EQ
4. Winchesters Greengrocers 2 High St, Sidmouth, EX10 8EL
5. Waitrose, Stowford Rise, Sidmouth, EX10 9GA
6. Sidmouth Town Council, Woolcombe Lane, Sidmouth, EX10 9BB
7. Sidmouth Post Office, Sidmouth EX10 8DZ
8. Jurassic Vets, Woolbrook Rd, Sidmouth EX10 9UU

**Completed questionnaires can also be posted to Sidmouth Town Council, Woolcombe Lane, Sidmouth, EX10 9BB**

## Deadline date: Friday 30th June 2017

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## Information about you

(this is needed to collate and analyse responses)

1.    Please fill in the postcode of your household:

2.    Do other people live with you in your household?          Yes ⚪    No ⚪

3.    Do you have children who live in your household?          Yes ⚪    No ⚪

4.    Please tick the age of the person completing the survey

    18-24 ⚪        25-40 ⚪        41-64 ⚪        65-74 ⚪        75 years or older ⚪

5.    How long have you lived in The Sid Valley?          ⚪ Years    ⚪ Months

6.    Do you work?          Yes ⚪    No ⚪

7.    Are you retired?          Yes ⚪    No ⚪

## Built and Natural Environment

Neighbourhood Plan policies would provide additional protection of our unique towns and villages and the natural environment which surrounds us. Effective control of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and Coastal Protection Area must be maintained and protecting Public Open Spaces such as parks, the Byes, the Knowle, Connaught Gardens and the beaches are seen as priorities.

8.    Do you think it is important to retain the historic appearance and local distinctiveness of Sidmouth and the Sid Valley?          Yes ⚪    No ⚪

9.    Should the Neighbourhood Plan produce local design guidance for all future developments?          Yes ⚪    No ⚪

10.    Is there a need to protect some views in the valley?          Yes ⚪    No ⚪
    If so what views would you want to protect? *Please indicate below*

11.    Are you concerned about settlement creep between the Built-Up Area Boundaries (BUAB) of Sidford and Sidbury? (Built Up Area Boundaries are areas where development is allowed. Outside these areas, development is only allowed in exceptional circumstances)          Yes ⚪    No ⚪

**12.** Are you concerned about settlement creep around Salcombe Regis? Yes ⬤  No ⬤

**13.** Should developments outside the BUAB in the Sid Valley minimise the impact of light pollution?

Yes ⬤  No ⬤

**14.** Are you concerned about the loss of natural habitat within these areas?

a) Sidmouth         Yes ⬤  No ⬤
b) Sidford          Yes ⬤  No ⬤
c) Sidbury          Yes ⬤  No ⬤
d) Salcombe Regis   Yes ⬤  No ⬤

**15.** Should protection be given to all Public Open Spaces in the Sid Valley?

Yes ⬤  No ⬤

**16.** Do you support the creation of paths on all new housing developments for pedestrians, cyclists and mobility scooters which link to existing paths in the Sid Valley? Yes ⬤  No ⬤

**17.** Should all trees cut down in the process of development be replaced by the developer?

Yes ⬤  No ⬤

# Port Royal (Eastern Town)

The East Devon Local Plan has identified a site for development in Sidmouth known locally as Port Royal which includes the Ham, riverside, boat park, swimming pool and Ham Lane car parks.

Feedback from earlier Neighbourhood Plan consultations shows that many residents think that it should be redeveloped to provide an attractive area for residents and visitors, creating a mixed development which includes a performance space for public events, and that provision should be made for existing business and community users of the area.

Answers to the following questions will be used to produce Neighbourhood Plan policies relating to future development at Port Royal.

**18.** The Local Plan includes a mixed use development. Please indicate your support for each of the following:

a) Shops                     Yes ⬤  No ⬤
b) Offices                   Yes ⬤  No ⬤
c) Community Leisure Space    Yes ⬤  No ⬤
d) Bars and Restaurants       Yes ⬤  No ⬤
e) Performance Venue / Centre Yes ⬤  No ⬤

**19.** Is there anything that you think would be an unacceptable development on the seafront, if so what?

**20.** Do you agree that sea based activity is an important key feature of the area which should be reflected in any development?  Yes ○  No ○

**21.** Do you agree that our fishing heritage is an important aspect of the area which should be reflected in any development  Yes ○  No ○

**22.** What else should be retained in the area?  *Please list*

**23.** Currently the EDDC Local Plan allocates 30 homes for Port Royal. Would you support an increase in this number?  Yes ○  No ○

**24.** If sympathetically designed, should the development be allowed to be taller than the adjoining Trinity Court flats?  Yes ○  No ○

**25.** Should any development retain car parking spaces for the town centre?  Yes ○  No ○

**26.** Do you agree that Port Royal should be designed as an important "destination" area where people rather than traffic have priority (e.g. pedestrian areas, designated accessible parking, time zones for deliveries etc.)?  Yes ○  No ○

27.    **Should any development allow for improved cycle pathways linking Port Royal to the Byes?**    Yes ◯    No ◯

28.    **Should the scheme include a jetty or small pier to land and moor boats?**    Yes ◯    No ◯

29.    **Should the esplanade be made more attractive for people to use e.g. the addition of features such as ambient lighting, seating, widened?**    Yes ◯    No ◯

30.    **Should the existing turning circle be closed to traffic and the area used to create a public open space?**    Yes ◯    No ◯

31    **Do you agree that the Ham public open space could be improved?**    Yes ◯    No ◯

32.    **Should a "green corridor" be formally established following the River Sid, between Port Royal and the Byes, with the establishment of a nature trail to improve pathway connections from the seafront to Sidford?**    Yes ◯    No ◯

## Housing

Meeting the housing needs of the local community through the creation of appropriate Housing Policies in the Neighbourhood Plan, will help the Sid Valley achieve a balanced population.

Over the period of the Local Plan up to 2031, Sidmouth is expected to have planned growth of 100 new homes, plus additional windfall development, i.e. development within the Built Up Area Boundary which is not allocated within the Local Plan. Your views about the type, number and scale of housing needed will help us to write appropriate policies.

33.    **What are your views on the planned housing growth of 100 (plus an estimated 50 minimum windfall) homes over the period of the plan?**
*Please tick <u>one</u>*

    **About right at the present** ◯
    **Support extra housing if needed** ◯
    **Would encourage significantly more housing regardless of need** ◯
    **Don't Know** ◯

**34.** If your answer to Q33 was that more homes are needed in the Sid Valley, please indicate the type of new houses needed. *Please select up to **three** from the following*

Private detached houses of 3 or more bedrooms ⚪    Affordable homes for sale or rent ⚪

Private semi-detached/terraced houses (2 or 3 bedrooms) ⚪    Holiday accommodation ⚪

Bungalows (one or two bedrooms) ⚪    No new housing ⚪

Houses for multiple occupancy (small flats or hostels) ⚪

Sheltered accommodation for older people ⚪    Others – *please write below*

**35.** Should the Neighbourhood Plan allocate additional sites for housing to meet the needs of local people?     Yes ⚪    No ⚪

**36.** Should the Neighbourhood Plan allocate additional sites for housing for sale on the open market?     Yes ⚪    No ⚪

**37.** Should any NEW open market housing, excluding replacement dwellings, only be supported when it is restricted to being a Principal Residence and not as a 'second home', in that the occupier uses it as their main residence regardless of who owns the freehold?     Yes ⚪    No ⚪

**38.** If new homes over and above the 100 (plus an estimated 50 minimum windfall) allocated in the Local Plan are to be built in the Sid Valley, where would you suggest is the best location?
*Please tick **one***

Within the existing Built Up Area Boundary of the main settlements ⚪

Outside of the existing Built Up Area Boundary in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) ⚪

**39.** Regardless of your answer to Q38, and subject to landowners' approval, where do you think any new housing could be located?

**40.** If it were permitted, should any new housing in the AONB (outside the Built Up Area Boundary) be:

100% open market housing ?     Yes ⚪    No ⚪

50% affordable and 50% open market housing?     Yes ⚪    No ⚪

A mix, for example, of: 50% community self-build schemes supported by housing associations/ community land trusts and 50% affordable housing?     Yes ⚪    No ⚪

**41.** If the Neighbourhood Plan allocated additional sites for housing, what scale of individual housing schemes should be given priority? *Please tick __one__*

No more than 10 dwellings ◯

Between 11 and 25 dwellings ◯

Between 26 and 50 dwellings ◯

Schemes over 50 dwellings ◯

(Note: any development under 10 dwellings is not obliged to have any affordable housing)

**42.** If new homes are to be built, what type of tenures should be encouraged or discouraged?

| | Encourage | Discourage |
|---|---|---|
| **Social Rented** – Owned and managed by a Housing Association or Local Council | ◯ | ◯ |
| **Private Rented** – Privately owned and rented direct from the landlord or owner | ◯ | ◯ |
| **Shared Ownership** – Houses provided through a Housing Association, but tenants buy a share of the house and pay rent on the remaining share | ◯ | ◯ |
| **Owner Occupier** – The resident both fully owns the house and lives there (open market housing) | ◯ | ◯ |

**43.** The EDDC's Local Plan contains several other policies on housing; should the Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan give further support to?

Restoring and refurbishing current housing and empty homes ◯ Yes ◯ No

Barn conversions or similar re-use of existing but redundant agricultural buildings ◯ Yes ◯ No

Self-build by local people for their own use and not for sale on the "open market" ◯ Yes ◯ No

**44.** If you are thinking of moving house in the near future, please indicate the reasons for the move.

**45.** If you would like to move from your existing accommodation but are unable to do so, please indicate the reasons.

## Community, Economic Resilience & Transport

Feedback from our earlier consultations indicated that there should be more emphasis on supporting the economic and social wellbeing of the town. For example encouraging start-up enterprises and business hubs, creating employment opportunities for young people, an integrated transport system which includes all forms of transport, and ideas relating to tourism, cycling and walking.

46. **Do you support an out of town Park and Ride scheme?**      Yes ⬜   No ⬜

47. **Do you support pedestrians and cyclists being given greater priority in parts of the town centre?**      Yes ⬜   No ⬜

48. **Do you support a safe pedestrian/cycle crossing over the main road (A3052) between The Bowd and Woolbrook junction, to link with existing and future cycle and walking trails?**      Yes ⬜   No ⬜

49. **Do you support a shared pathway for pedestrians and cyclists from Sidford to Sidbury?**      Yes ⬜   No ⬜

50. **Do you support additional small scale employment spaces within the Built-Up Area Boundary?**      Yes ⬜   No ⬜

51. **Should we encourage initiatives which support start-up businesses?**      Yes ⬜   No ⬜

52. **Would you support initiatives which improve access and make better use of the Alexandria Employment site?**      Yes ⬜   No ⬜

53. **Should we encourage young people to stay in the Sid Valley through the creation of quality employment opportunities?**      Yes ⬜   No ⬜

54. **Do you support the provision of indoor/all-weather accessible recreation spaces?**      Yes ⬜   No ⬜

*Thank You*